Inter State Bus Route in Mysore State

242. Sri K. LOKAYYA NAIK (Virajpet).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Inter-state bus routes in Mysore State ;

(*b*) the number of M.S.R.T.C. and Private buses that are now plying on these routes ;

(*c*) whether there is any private bus service which is not an Inter-State Service by reason of another State having not countersigned the permit issued by the Mysore R.T.A. which is plying within the State on a nationalised monopoly route or part of it ;

(*d*) whether there is any such permit issued to private bus service on inter-state nationalised monopoly route after nationalisation of such particular route and the name of the service ;

(*e*) whether there is any such private bus service on Inter-State route which does not perform the journey beyond State border ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) 314.

(*b*)

M.S.R.T.C.	...	78
Maharashtra S.R.T.C.	...	53
A.P.S.R.T.C.	...	18
Madras S.T.D.	...	20
Kerala S.T.D.	...	3
Private buses	...	274
Total number of buses operating on inter-state routes	...	446

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಲೋಕಯ್ಯ ನಾಯಕ್.—(ಈ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಹೌದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಅಂತಹ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳ ಹೆಸರುಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ರೀತಿ ಪರ್ಮಿಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳ ಹೆಸರುಗಳು ಏನು ಮತ್ತು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಪರ್ಮಿಟ್ ಕೊಡುವುದು ಕಾನೂನಿಗೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧವಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Four days back when the file pertaining to this matter came to me, I could see that many of the permits which have been curtailed after the implementation of Kolar Nationalisation scheme were included in the list. Therefore, there was need for verification and I am prepared to give the names to the hon. Member or place it on the Table of the House.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಈಗ ರೋಡ್ ಟ್ರಾನ್ಸ್‌ಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪರ್ಮಿಟ್ ಕೊಡುವ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬರೇ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಇಂತಹ ತೊಂದರೆಗಳು ಬರುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಎರಡು ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದರೆ ಇಂತಹ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದಕಾರಣ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈ ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಉತ್ತಮವಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It is a matter of opinion.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಚ್. ಪುಟ್ಟರಂಗನಾಥ.—(ಈ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಹೌದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅದರೆ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚಿಹಾಕಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆ ರೀತಿ ಪರ್ಮಿಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದೊಳಗೆ ಓಡಿಸಲು ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—There is no difficulty to place the list of names on the Table of the House. There are about 22 operators in Anekal pocket. A legal question has arisen whether the Anekal scheme is to the exclusion of private operators or not and the High Court has given two conflicting decision and the matter is pending decision before the Supreme Court.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—In addition to these inter-State permits that have been granted to M. S. R. T. C., Maharasthra State Transport Corporation, etc., there are a good number of buses which without even having inter-State permits or inter-state carrige permits are practically going from Bangalore to Bellary, from Bangalore to Shimoga, and so on. What action has the Government taken to stop this ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—There have been clandestine operations and there are some people who are violating the permit conditions of contract carriages. That is a different thing. The question as to how to stop this misuse and violation of the conditions of permit is being examined by the Government.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Whether it is inter-State or intra-State, has it come to the notice of the Government that by allowing private operators, the Road Transport Corporation has irretrievably lost its income and it is almost coming to a dead end especially in view of the fact that in Government buses there will be hardly two or three passengers, that too, free passengers like me and the rest go in private buses ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Only in Anekal 22 permits have been given and I have already said that contract carriage permits are being misused by some of them and the question as to how to deal with them is being examined by the Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಗುರ್ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಕಾಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ್ ಕ್ಯಾರೇಜು ನೆಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಗಾಂಧಿ ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಕಡೆ ಒಂದು ಬೋರ್ಡು ಇದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿಂದ ಈ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಡುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಇದೆ. ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ದೇಶದ ಅನೇಕ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂತಹ ಕ್ಯಾರೇಜುಗಳು ಓಡಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಕಾರ ಚೆಕ್ ಮಾಡಿ ತಕ್ಕ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The agency to implement is the police. I have already informed the House that it has come to the notice of the Government and action is being taken. However, this supplementary does not arise out of this question.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ 274 ಅಂತರರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಓಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇಂತಹ ಖಾಸಗೀ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಯಾರ ಯಾರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಓಡುತ್ತಿವೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ? ಇವೊತ್ತು ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I have got only the list of the routes. I do not have the names of the persons who have got permits.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Has it come to the notice of Government that some persons who are oporating luxury buses are uniformly and regularly plying their buses from place to place in the nationalised routes where Government buses are run and they are issuing tickets to the destination and back with the result that Government are losing very heavily in the nationalised routes ? May I know why Government have not taken any effective steps to stop this ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It has come to the notice of Government that some of the contract carriage permit holders are violating the conditions of their permits. One of the conditions is that they should not pick up passengers en route and try to run as stage carriage having regular service. The matter is being examined. If any legislative measures are necessary certainly a Bill for the same will be introduced in the House so that we can have proper control and check on such operators. I am definitely of the view that the present law does not enable us to take suitable action in case of defaulters. Recently I have amended the Rules and in the Rules we have required the contract carriage permit holders to maintain a history sheet. In case they violate the condition of the permit for three times, the permit will be liable for cancellation. Many other suggestions are also under the consideration of the Government. I do concede what the hon. Member have said it is a regular business which they are carrying on in the utter violation of law. They are trying to run these contract carriages as regular stage carriages.

Sri S. R. BOMMAI.—If contract carriages are running as regular stage carriages what prevent the Government from cancelling their permits ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—If Government had got that power, by now all such permits would have been cancelled. Granting and cancellation of such permits is done by quasi-judicial bodies and we cannot question them as to why such permits are granted. Therefore I have stated that some legislative changes appear to be necessary.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಕಾಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ್ ಕ್ಯಾರೇಜ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಈಗ ಪರ್ಮಿಟ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಆರ್. ಟಿ. ಒ. ಅವರು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ಮನಸ್ಸೋಚ್ಛಯಾಗಿ ಪರ್ಮಿಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇಷ್ಯೂ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ದುರುಪಯೋಗವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡು ಇವರು ಕೊಡುವುದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಟ್ರಾನ್ಸ್‌ಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಅಥಾರಿಟಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—There are various questions so far as contract carriages are concerned. The first question is the jurisdiction of the R.T.O.s because they are receiving applications for contract carriage permits for Statewide operation of their services. Therefore, one of the proposals is to take away the powers of the R.T.Os. and vest them in the S.T.A. so that a central authority may be there to examine correctly and assess the requirements of contract carriages and examine the history sheet of every operator before granting permit.